

Line 16, after "sheath" add -- (or skin engaging

a10 layer) --.

Line 17, delete both occurrences of "material", and

after "core" add -- (or non-skin engaging layer) --.

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Line 18, delete "material".

REMARKS

The amendments to the drawings, specification and abstract set forth the amendments made during prosecution of applicant's Application No. 08/461,318, filed June 20, 1995 ("the '318 application"), of which this application is a continuation. These amendments are set forth in applicant's March 10, 1996 Preliminary Amendment, June 12, 1996 Preliminary Amendment, October 17, 1996 Third Preliminary Amendment, January 28, 1997 Amendment And Response To Office Action, and July 9, 1997 Response To Office Action And Amendment Pursuant To

37 C.F.R. § 1.116, all submitted in the '318 application. These amendments do not introduce new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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